



ACTS and LAWS,

Made and passed by the General Court or Assembly of the State of Connecticut, in America, holden at Hartford, (in said State) on the second Thursday of May, Anno Domini, 1794.

An Act authorizing the use of the Goals in this State, for the confinement of Prisoners under the authority of the United States.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, That the Goals in the several counties may be used and improved under the authority of the United States, for the purpose of confining and safe-keeping Prisoners; and that the Marshall of the district of Connecticut, or any other officer acting under the authority of the United States, shall have the same liberty to use said Goals, the same authority in the keeping of Prisoners in said Goals under the authority of the United States, as the keepers of said Goals under the authority of this State have.

Goals to be used under the authority of the United States.

Act regulating
Goals & Goal-
ers repealed.

Be it further enacted, That the Act entitled an Act, in addition to an Act, entitled an Act regulating Goals and Goalers, passed in October session, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, be, and the same is hereby repealed. Provided that such repeal shall not extend to affect the case of any Prisoner already committed to any Goal by virtue of said Act.

An Act authorizing amendments in proceedings at Law, and in Equity.

Parties permit-
ted to amend a-
ny defect in
writs, declara-
tions, &c.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, That the several Courts of Law and Equity in this State, in any action hereafter brought, may at any time permit the parties respectively to amend any defect, mistake, or informality in the writ, declaration, pleadings, or other parts of the record in civil causes pending before them, upon payment of the lawful costs to the other party, at the discretion of the Court in which the same shall be pending. And in case of any amendment of a declaration, the Court shall grant the defendant a reasonable time to make answer thereto.

An Act directing Bar Iron to be stamped.

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BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, That all Bar Iron manufactured within this State after the first day of September next, shall (before such Iron is sold or offered for sale) be stamped with the name of the manufacturer thereof, and of the Town where such Iron is manufactured. And that whosoever shall sell, or offer for sale any Bar Iron manufactured in this State after the first day of September next, and not stamped as aforesaid, shall forfeit the value of such Iron so sold or offered for sale as aforesaid, to him or them that shall sue for and prosecute to final judgment.

An Act in addition to An Act, for appointing, encouraging and supporting Schools.

Members of
school districts
shall have pow-
er to tax them-
selves.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, That the several School districts in this State, divided and ascertained as is provided by Law, the members whereof are qualified to vote in Society meetings, shall have power and authority to tax themselves for the purpose of building

and repairing a school-house in every such district; and such district shall have power to choose a Clerk, who shall be sworn to make true entries, and give true copies of all the votes and proceedings of said district; and such district shall also have power to appoint a Collector of any tax they shall grant on the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of such district; which Collector shall have the same authority to levy and collect such tax as society collectors have by Law to levy and collect society taxes.

District to choose a clerk... his duty---to appoint a collector---his authority, &c.

Provided, That the school committee within the district, or some other person by such committee appointed, shall duly warn all the inhabitants living within such district, who by law are liable to pay rates, and qualified as aforesaid to meet at some convenient place within said district, at least three days inclusive before any tax shall be laid on said inhabitants; and provided two thirds of the members qualified as aforesaid, and present at such meeting, shall concur in laying and granting such tax, and also agree to the place whereon such school house hath been or shall be erected.

Proviso.

Provided, That this Act shall continue and be in force for the term of two years from the first day of June next, and no longer.

An Act repealing part of An Act, entitled, An Act for regulating the appointment of the Superior Court.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, That so much of the second paragraph of said Act as authorizes the Judges of the Superior Court to hold their offices during the pleasure of the General Assembly, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Act repealed.

An Act in addition to An Act, entitled An Act for regulating Ferries.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, That licence and authority be granted to the Town of Saybrook, in the county of Middlesex, and to the Town of Lyme, in the county of New-London, respectively, to have, use, and keep, the Ferry on Connecticut River between said Towns, commonly called Saybrook Ferry, and respectively to take and receive all the amoluments, profits, and fare which may arise from the transportation of passengers, and of any and every thing necessary to be transported across said Ferry, that is to say, That li-

Licence granted to the town of Saybrook to use and keep the Ferry, &c.

Towns of Saybrook & Lyme to receive the emoluments arising from the Ferry for the term of 20 years.

cence and authority be granted to said Town of Saybrook to take and receive all the emoluments, profits and fare, which may arise from the transportation of passengers, and of any and every thing necessary to be transported across said Ferry, from the west side of said River to the east side thereof; and that licence and authority be granted to said Town of Lyme to take and receive all the emoluments, profits and fare, which may arise from the like transportation, from the east side of said River to the west side thereof, to the sole use and benefit of said Towns respectively, for and during the space of twenty years from the first day of June, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; and after the expiration of said twenty years, during the pleasure of the General Assembly.

Fare of the Ferry from Oct. to April.

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And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Fare of said Ferry shall be as follows, (to wit) for transporting of a man, horse and load, from the first day of October to the first day of April in each year, ten pence, and from the first day of April to the first day of October, eight pence; for that of a footman, the first term of time four pence, and the last three pence; for that of a lead horse, the first term of time eight pence, and the last six pence; for that of an ox or other neat kine, the first term of time ten pence, and the last eight pence; for that of a sheep, hog or goat, the first term of time one penny half penny, and the last one penny; and that the fare of every two wheel carriage with one man and draft horse shall be double, and of every four wheel carriage one man and draft horse treble; the fare of a man, horse and load, as stated as aforesaid; and that the fare of every additional person, or horse, or other beast, shall be the same as stated as aforesaid, for such single person, horse or other beast.

Boats to be kept in repair and men kept in readiness for transporting passengers, &c.

And be it further enacted, That said Towns shall respectively at all times, keep in good repair a suitable, well found, and convenient boat, for the purpose of transporting passengers, horses, neat kine, carriages, and every thing proper and necessary to be transported in said boat across said river; and shall procure, provide, and keep in constant readiness, a man or men as circumstances may require, to manage said boats respectively in transporting passengers, and whatever else may be necessary to be transported as aforesaid.

Pathway and highway to be raised and kept in repair,

Wharf to be built, &c.

And be it further enacted, That said Town of Saybrook shall keep in good and sufficient repair, the pathway and highway, which leads to said river or ferry place, on the west side thereof, and shall raise the same so as not to be overflowed by the tides; and shall build and keep in good repair a wharf, and a causeway adjoining said wharf, and raise said wharf six feet higher than low water mark, and raise said causeway so as to be of an equal height with said wharf, and said wharf and causeway shall be at least eighteen feet wide, and said

Town shall build and provide steps or stairs to said wharf, so as to make it convenient to go on board of any ferry-boat from said wharf, and to land from such boat on said wharf, at all times of tide. And said Town of Lyme shall in like manner keep in good and sufficient repair the highway leading to said river or ferry place on the east side thereof, and shall raise the same so as not to be overflowed by the tides; and shall build and keep in repair, or shall keep in good repair a wharf, if the same shall have been built on the east side of said river at said ferry place; which shall be of equal width and of equal height with said wharf provided to be built; and kept in repair as aforesaid by said Town of Saybrook; and said Town of Lyme shall build and provide steps or stairs to the same, in the same manner as the same are to be built and provided by said Town of Saybrook.

Steps and stairs to be built and made convenient for going on board, landing, &c.

And be it further enacted, That all things provided by this Act to be done and performed by said Towns respectively, shall be done and performed within the space of six calendar months from said first day of June; or on failure thereof, said licence and authority to said Towns respectively, and all other licences, authorities, or grants to them to keep said Ferry, shall cease and be void, so far as respects said Town which shall fail to perform what is provided to be done, and performed as aforesaid.

Six months allowed to perform the work; in case of failure said licence to be void.

An Act for continuing in force An Act, entitled An Act for instituting, defining, and regulating the Office of Comptroller of the Public Accounts.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, That said Act, and every paragraph thereof, shall continue in full force until the rising of the General Assembly in May next.

Act continued.

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